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- 1. SOME OF LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN SPECULATING THAT GOMEZ MORALES, WHILE IN US FOR FORTHCOMING COMMITTEE OF TWENTY MEETINGS WILL APPROACH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MAJOR CREDITORS OF GOA, CENTRAL BANK, AND GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES IN EFFORT ROLLOVER OF PORTIONS OF ARGENTINA'S PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT MATURITIES.
- 2. WE SEE PRESS ACCOUNTS IN VEIN DESCRIBED ABOVE AS SPECULATIONS. ONLY BASIS FOR REPORTS APPEARS TO BE RESULT CENTRAL BANK AND FINANCE MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS LEVIED ON ALL STATE ENTITIES AND ENTERPRISES DEMANDING FULL DETAILS ON EXTERNAL OBLIGATIONS. FROM INFORMATION THAT GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON URGENT BASIS WITH DEADLINE BEFORE GOMEZ MORALES' TRIP, FINANCIAL WRITERS APPEAR TO HAVE ASSUMED THAT HE WILL USE DATA TO SEEK SOME SORT OF DEBT RELIEF.
- 3. WE BELIEVE GOA AUTHORITIES ARE STILL IN PROCESS OF ASSESSING BOTH MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS AND CANNOT HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REACHED CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING NEED FOR APPROACHING CREDITORS.

TO DO SO ON HURRIED, NOT FULLY CONSIDERED BASIS WOULD BE UNCHARACTERISTIC OF GOMEZ MORALES. ARGENTINA UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY SERIOUS PAYMENT SQUEEZE BEFORE SECOND SEMESTER 1974 USING ANY CONSERVATIVE PROJECTIONS. HENCE WE TEND TO DISCOUNT HEAVILY LOCAL RUMORS REPORTED PARA 1, BUT OF COURSE, CANNOT DO SO COMPLETELY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED CONCERNING ANY KNOWN CONVERSATIONS OF GOMEZ MORALES WITH CREDITORS CONCERNING ARGENTINE SITUATION. KREBS

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